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Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway flooded

Cops divert vehicular traffic

Mysuru / Nanjangud, Aug.8 (RS&DM)- The ever-busy Mysuru-Nanjangud Road was closed for vehicular movement from 9 am today after Kabini river overflowed near Mallanamoole Mutt coming between Thandavapura and South India Paper Mill of the Highway.

Due to incessant rainfall in Wayanad and other catchment areas, the Kabini river has been flowing at near danger level. The river overflowed at Mallanamoole Mutt from early this morning, flooding the Highway on a 1- km stretch, forcing the authorities to stop all kinds of vehicular movement. The Police erected barricades at both the points in order to block vehicles from moving further on the road.

With the blocking of the road, the motorists travelling from Mysuru to Nanjangud side, were asked to take an alternative route. Accordingly the vehicles were directed to take a left turn after crossing Thandavapura and pass through Kempisiddanahundi, Himmavu and Basavanapura to reach Nanjangud town.

Likewise, motorists travelling from Nanjangud to Mysuru were asked to take a left turn after crossing Devaraja Urs bridge and pass through Kattawadipura and Kallahalli to reach Mysuru.

Tahsildar Mahesh Kumar, Additional SP Shivakumar, DySP Prabhakar Rao Shinde, Nanjangud CPI Lakshmikant Talwar and other officials visited the spot.

Meanwhile, the water level at Kabini Dam in H.D.Kote taluk today stood at 2277.90 ft as against the maximum level of 2284 ft. The Dam recorded an inflow of 64,449 cusecs and outflow of 70,600 cusecs. The Kapila river flowing through Nanjangud town too has been flowing close to the danger level following huge discharges from Kabini and Nugu Dams, completely submerging Parashuram temple, Mudikatte and Bathing Ghat of Srikanteshwara temple and the renovated Hadinarukaalu Mantapa in the middle of the river, with only the top portion of the Gopuram visible and also flooding almost all low-lying areas of Nanjangud town.

With the Kapila river nearly full to the brim, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar visited the flooded areas of Nanjangud town on Friday evening and gave necessary instructions to the authorities for moving people living in low-lying areas to safer locations along with their belongings and livestock and also the relief measures to be taken.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 8th August 2020

Malabar Gold & Diamonds opens two more showrooms

Bengaluru, Aug. 8- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest gold jewellery retail chains in the world, has opened two more showrooms in India as part of its global expansion plans.

The new showrooms were opened at Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu and Chandigarh in Punjab.

Malabar Group Chairman M.P. Ahammed inaugurated the showrooms through an online event. Senior Directors and Management team members of the Malabar Group were present on the occasion.

Against the backdrop of COVID-19 pandemic, the Group has decided to open the fully equipped showrooms exercising utmost caution to give a further push to its strategy of creatively positioning the brand in the market and roll out its expansion plans with abundant caution and safety measures.

This decision to open the new showrooms has gone down well with the customers as is evident from the initial footfall and customer response, top management ofthe company said.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds offers world class facilities along with life long free maintenance, one year free insurance for its products, buy back guarantee, zero deduction for exchange and transparency in business dealings. The company also offers maximum value while selling/exchanging old gold as well as advance booking facility by 10% of the value upfront to it.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Art too, needs money, background, connections. The best of musicians have fallen by the wayside for lack of these. Talent alone has not taken artists to the pinnacle of fame. The greatest composer in the history of music had to depend on his benefactors. The tragedy of Mozart epitomizes an artist's struggle to survive. In India, it's worse. For musicians, dancers, actors with no resources other than their own creativity, success is an elusive dream. Their careers often end in tragic circumstances. COVID-19 is the latest challenge. Deprived of public performances in India and abroad, they are left in a vacuum. What has the government provided to help them and their families at this critical period of their careers? More importantly, have their audiences, who revelled in their performances in good times, thought of providing them relief when they need it most?

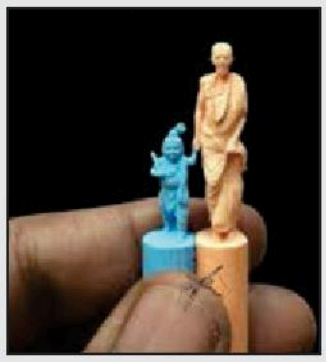
Indian audiences also take their artists for granted. They expect them to perform gratis. When the legendary dancer, Alarmel Valli, was invited to Bengaluru by the Ministry of Kannada and Culture, that Department was flooded with requests for "free passes." There were indignant cries of protest when the National Gallery of Modem Art (NGMA) charged a pittance as entry fee. Why should we pay to see those paintings? Or watch plays by amateurs? Or hear musicians sing? We feel we are obliging these artists by our mere presence. Our painters should be happy that we deigned to spend time looking at their work. A writer should thank her stars that we even cared to buy and read her book. Our musicians must feel grateful that we are giving them our precious time to listen.

The sad part of this mindset is that we cannot visualise the time and effort it took them to arrive. When we pay to hear a four-hour-long concert, we are actually paying the artist for 40 years of sadhana, sacrifice and drudgery. We are paying them for the lucrative careers they gave up, the arduous lifestyles they adopted and the personal sacrifices they made just to "entertain" us. If we don't repay them, we are the poorer for it.

— Vatsala Vedantam in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Software Engineer carves chalks into detailed sculptures



New Delhi: Sachin Sanghe, a trained software engineer, spends most of his free time sculpting sticks of chalk into beautiful artworks, from portraits of celebrities to depictions of Hindu Gods.

As a high-school student, Sachin Sanghe was always called to the front of the class to write notes on the blackboard, so it's no surprise that he formed a special connection to the humble chalk. He started carving sticks of chalk with his geometry tools as a hobby, and as time went by, he got better at it.

After finishing school and getting a job, Sachin was free to return to his special hobby again. He did so and became so good at it that the self-taught artist is now being hailed as one of the world's best chalk sculptors.

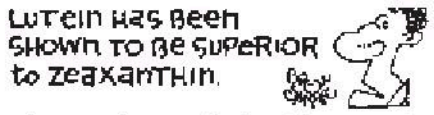
Hairstylist trims intricate artworks on people's heads

Hanoi: Truong Xuan Tuan, a young hairstylist uses simple tools like trimmers and razors to create detailed works of arts on the backs of his clients' heads.

The 30-year-old from Hanoi, in Vietnam, has been working as a hairstylist for 10 years now and started experimenting with various designs half a decade ago. He first made news headlines in 2018, after photos of one of his works, an image of Portuguese soccer striker Cristiano Ronaldo went viral online. He originally started with portraits of popular Vietnamese TV series characters and as word of his skills started spreading and more clients requested his signature hair portraits, he started working on a portfolio of designs.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is the best supplement for macular degeneration?



Lutein has been shown to be the most effective supplement for reversing macular degeneration. Positive results have been observed with a 20 mg daily dose. If that doesn't bring results, you may need to increase the dose to as high as 50 mg. In a 48-week study, improvement was seen in as little as 24 weeks.

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No power supply on Aug. 9, 10, 11

Mysuru, Aug. 8- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Aug. 9, 10 and Aug.11 in the following villages:

Aug.9 from 10 am - 3 pm at Najangud Power Distribution Centre: Kabini Water Supply, Nanjangud Industrial area, Kallahalli Industrial area, Debur, Handuvinahalli, Kathwadipura, Byalaru, Chikkayyanachatra, Tandya Industrial area, Balaji, Indus, KIADB 1&2, Kempisiddanahundi, Hulimavu, Hadinaru, Hosakote, Tumbunerale villages and Gram Panchayat limits.

Aug. 10 from 10 am - 5 pm: Tumbla, Kupya, Hosakote Gram Panchayat limits, Chidravalli, Ukkalagere, Somanathapura Gram Panchayat limits, Vyasarajapura's Sosale, Benakahalli, Kolathur, Doddebagilu, R.P. Hundi villages and Gram Panchayat limits, Yadtore, Kempisiddanahundi, Gargeshwari, Haletirumakoodalu, Induvalu, Rayarahundi, Hosakemppayyanahundi village and Gram Panchayat limits.

Aug. 11 from10 am - 5 pm: Devanur, Tagadur, Badanavalu, Chunchanahalli, Gattawadipura, Karya, Alaganchi, Hedatale, Konanur, Nerale, Hemmaragala, Kavalande Gram Panchayat limits, Nagarle, Biligere, Mallupura, Suttur Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release from CESC.

Diploma in Tool Design

Mysuru, Aug. 8- The Government Tool Room & Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru, has invited applications for admission to one-year Post-Diploma in Tool Design course in which press tools, plastic mould, pressure die casting, jigs and fixture and other subjects will be studied.

Students who have passed Diploma and BE in Mechanical, Industrial Production, Automobile and Plastics, Diploma in Tool and Die Making and Precision Manufacturing are eligible to apply. For more details, call Mob: 91416-29594, 91416-29599, 99451-97783, 80503-25552 or 0821-2582750, according to a press release.

Really...?

- ***The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.***
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VOICE OF THE READER

Remembering Dr. K.B. Subbaiah

Sir,

I am writing this letter after reading KBG's *Abracadabra* **"Nostalgically Speaking — 1: Dr. K.B. Subbaiah"** about his brother in *Star of Mysore* dated July 19. I was working as a Laboratory Technician with Dr. Subbaiah. It is really nice and touching that I still remember the late doctor who was a kind gentleman.

Dr. Subbaiah

I joined Dr. Subbaiah after leaving JIPMER Pondicherry in 1982. After his demise I joined JSS Medical College. Now I am aged 83 years.

KBG had once told me that Dr. Gautham (Dr. Subbaiah's son), is in USA after his marriage. I hope Mrs. Subbaiah is okay. May God bless you and your family.

— M.U. Narayan Rao
Krishnamurthypuram
25. 7. 2020

I-Day virtual competitions and session with world's youngest CEO

Mysuru, Aug. 8- Learners PU College in association with Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) and Narayana Hrudayalaya, Mysuru, is organising various competitions on the occasion of Independence Day on Aug. 15.

Suhas

A mock NEET and JEE exams for NEET and JEE aspirants will be held on Aug. 13 and Concept Video Contest for High School and PU students.

NEET/JEE-2020 aspirants can register by sending Name, College Name, City, through WhatsApp: 98805-77637. For the Concept Video Contest, students have to pick up a fundamental concept from Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and make a video around it. Send the video through WhatsApp: 99163-97939 or email: *learnerspuc@gmail.com*. Last date to submit the videos is Aug. 12. For details contact Mob: 96326-21237 or 82965-43443.

On Aug.15, the winners of both the contests will be awarded with cash prize sponsored by VVCE. Besides cash prize, winners will also get a Platinum Health Card for a free family health check up from Narayana Hrudayalaya.

I-Day Talk: Suhas Gopinath, world's youngest CEO, will give an inspirational talk and interact with students on Aug. 15 (10 am - 11.30 am). He founded the Globals Inc at the age of 14. Globals Inc was featured by *The Economist* as one of the world's fastest growing Tech Companies. Suhas is a Young Global Leader of World Economic Forum and a former Advisory Board Member of the World Bank.

Students of High School and PU Colleges, Principals, HMs, teachers and parents may attend this session. For free registration, send SMS or Whatsapp to: 99163-97939 or 99169-33202 or email: *learnerspuc@gmail.com*.

New team of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Gold

Mysuru, Aug.8- The installation ceremony of the new team of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Gold for the year 2020-21 was held recently. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the office- bearers were installed in a virtual meeting held online. The new team members are as follows:

Abhijna

Maya

President: Abhijna Rajiv, Immediate Past President: M.R. Vijayalakshmi, Vice-President: Uma Anil, Secretary: Maya Talreja, Joint Secretary: Dharini, Treasurer: Shobha Bhandari, ISO: Prema Ravi, Editor: Prathiba Rao.

The installation took place under the guidance of PDC Dr. Sarika Prasad and District ESO Pushpa Gururaj.

On the occasion, two girl children studying in Mathrumandali School were adopted by the Club for their future education, according to a press release.

Inner Wheel Club donates rain coats, masks and sanitisers to Traffic Police

Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West executed their first service project by donating rain coats, N95 masks and sanitisers to Traffic Police at Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Station on July 28. Seen in the photo are Chaya Venkatesh, President and PDC Jayashree M. Urs, Treasurer of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West, with cops Basavaraj and Bhavya.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Sri Krishna Janmashtami

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the District Administration, in association with Kannada and Culture Department, will be celebrating Sri Krishna Jayanti in a simple manner by offering flowers to the portrait of Sri Krishna at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises on Aug. 11 at 11 am.

No meat Sale

Marking Krishna Janmashtami, slaughter houses and meat shops will remain closed in Mysuru City Corporation limits in city on Aug. 11, according to a press release.

Shivapada Rathnakosha: Rebate offer

The city's JSS Mahavidyapeetha has extended the 50 percent rebate on the sale price of 'Shivapada Rathnakosha' encyclopaedia brought out by it, to Aug. 31. The encyclopaedia, priced at Rs.1,000, was released by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa virtually from Bengaluru on July 28, when the Mahavidyapeetha had announced 50 percent rebate till July 31. But this rebate has now been extended till Aug. 31. For details, contact Mob: 99009-531529 (for Mysuru) or 99728-75878 (for Bengaluru).

Last date extended

Maharaja's College, University of Mysore (UoM), which had invited applications from eligible students for admission to first-year BA (24 subject groups), BBA and B.Com courses for the academic year 2020-21, has extended the last date for submission of applications to Aug. 10. Students are requested to apply online along with copies of PUC marks card or equivalent qualification at http://maharajas.uni-mysore.ac.in, according to a press release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	117.40 ft
Yesterday	113.85 ft
Inflow	67,817 cusecs
Outflow	44,816 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,277.90 ft
Inflow	64,449 cusecs
Outflow	70,600 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,854.05 ft
Inflow	13,592 cusecs
Outflow	14,233 cusecs

COVID shadow over Dasara 2020

Forest Department writes to State Government seeking clarity on bringing elephants to Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (MTY&KS)- With 2020 Dasara destined to be a low-key affair owing to COVID-19 pandemic, the Forest Department has written to the State Government seeking clarity on identifying and bringing elephants from the forests for the celebrations.

Usually, the process of selecting elephants for Dasara takes place in the month of July every year. Forest officials, following instructions from the Government, visit various elephant camps where elephants are housed and conduct health check-up. Later they used to give fitness certificates to the elephants to participate in Dasara festivities.

As per the laid-down norms, the list of elephants fit to participate in Dasara was then sent to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), who would then forward the same to the State Government for approval. The list of elephants prepared by the Forest Department usually has the names of 12 to 14 elephants, their age, suitability for the festival, behaviour and the capacity to obey orders issued by their mahouts and kavadis.

Usually, the first batch of Dasara elephants, comprising Golden Howdah-carrying elephant, one standby male elephant, two female elephants and two male elephants to be trained to carry the Golden Howdah in

future, used to arrive in city before Aug. 15.

This year, however, there is no clarity on the scale of celebrations. The State Government has already indicated that Dasara will be a low-key affair this year in view of the pandemic.

To cater to domestic and international crowds, and to prevent hurting religious sentiments, it will go online like it was done in Odisha during the Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra.

Minister of Tourism, Kannada and Culture C.T. Ravi had told reporters sometime back that Dasara celebrations will be a low-key affair. "Based on inputs from all stakeholders and the number of cases in the coming days, a final decision will be taken. However, there will be no large scale gathering and the event will be streamed live," he had stated. The Government will also decide on which traditional festivals and sports can be held as part of the Dasara festivities.

Forest Department sources said that so far they have not got any communication regarding the elephants from the State Government. Elephants play a crucial role in the festivities and the grand finale is nothing but the march of caparisoned elephants from the Mysore Palace till Bannimantap on the Vijayadashami day. The 750-kg Golden Howdah-carrying elephant is usually the cynosure of all eyes.

From the moment the elephants are brought from the forests, they are subjected to rigorous training for over 60 days and nutritious food is given to them for them to increase weight and also training is provided to them so that they are acclimatised to the rigorous regiment to be followed during the festival. Only after consuming nutritious food for over 60 to 70 days and rigorous training during this period, the elephants become fit to participate in the Vijayadashami procession.

As there is no communication from the State Government, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF)-Wildlife Alexander has written a letter to the Government to guide the Forest Department whether to start the elephant selection process or withhold it. "We are awaiting reply from the Government and will act accordingly," Department officials said.

Due to the pandemic this year, discussions are going on in the Government level to restrict the 'Jumboo Savari' within the Palace premises only and not go for a full-fledged procession till Bannimantap. However, the Government has to take a call on the scale of the celebrations.

Schools move to students' doorsteps in rural areas

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (KMS)- Following fresh guidelines issued by the Centre that schools and colleges will remain shut till Aug. 31, the State Government has urged the teachers working in rural areas to conduct classes for students at their doorsteps.

In a circular issued by the Administration yesterday, Class 1 to Class 7 school teachers working in rural areas have been suggested to conduct classes for students in open spaces. Weekly twice or thrice, school going kids living in rural areas would assemble at a designated space. Teachers have been instructed to teach them according their syllabus and assign homework to them to complete before the next consecutive class.

While students in urban private schools have little trouble accessing the internet and attending online classes during

the post-lockdown period, those little ones living in rural and remote areas do not have the same sort of luxury. With lack of mobile phones and other forms of support hampering the education of students in far-flung areas, teachers in many districts in the State have voluntarily started reaching out to their students to teach at their doorsteps.

Now, the Education Department in the State has urged Government School teachers to conduct classes for their students in public areas of the village such as temple premises or community centres in their respective villages. Education Department officials have been given the responsibility of managing these activities in their respective districts.

Boy missing

Mysuru, Aug. 8- A 15-year-old boy has been reported missing from Metagalli Police Station limits in Mysuru.

N. Manu

N. Manu, who is hearing and speech impaired, left his house on Aug. 3 afternoon and has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged at Metagalli Police Station.

Those having any information about the missing boy may contact Metagalli Police on Ph: 0821-2418315 or City Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Ashwathamma

Mysuru, Aug. 8- Ashwathamma (65), a resident of School Mane in K.G. Koppal here, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal burial grounds this morning, according to family sources.

Activists oppose privatisation, Villagers seek rehabilitation, Hut-dwellers want houses

Mysuru, Aug.8 (MTY&DM)- Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the city was witness to a series of protests by different organisations in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office yesterday.

In the first protest, ASHA, Anganawadi and Mid-Day Meal workers, under the joint banner of CITU, AITUC, AIUTUC and TUCC, staged a demonstration opposing the privatisation moves of services.

Alleging that the Union Government was out to privatise Health, ICDS, Education and other key service sectors, the protestors claimed that privatisation will throw them out of their jobs and livelihood.

Urging the Government to sanction enough funds for Centrally-sponsored schemes such as Mid-Day Meal scheme, CDPO schemes and National Health Mission, they wanted the Government to declare them as Trade Workers and regularise their services.

Seeking minimum monthly wages of Rs. 21,000, they demanded timely distribution of safety and PPE Kits to all those engaged in COVID-19 duty.

Union leaders Rekha, H.S. Sunanda, Mahadevamma, Jayanti and others took part in the protest.

Villagers protest

In the second protest, several villagers of Bidarahalli Circle, located close to the Banks of Kabini Dam in H.D. Kote taluk, staged a demonstration under the banner of Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI) seeking proper rehabilitation for them.

Claiming that the previous District In-charge Minister V. Somanna, during a visit to flood affected areas in the vicinity of the Dam last year, had promised them proper rehabilitation and had even laid foundation stone for a few houses, the villagers maintained that nothing has moved beyond that and new houses have become a distant dream for them.

Stating that they too were part of the construction of the Dam, they said that the Government must come to their aid by rehabilitating them appropriately and thus save them from the constant threat of floods during the monsoon every year.

SUCI office-bearers Chandrashekar Meti, Sunil Harish, Puttaraju and others were present.

Hut-dwellers' demo

In the third protest, hut-dwellers of Kuri Mandi in Kesare, staged a demonstration under the banner of Karnataka Dalita Sangharsha Samiti seeking construction of houses for them.

Claiming that they have been living in thatched huts for years braving the vagaries of nature, they said that repeated pleas to people's representatives had fallen on deaf ears.

They urged the Government to come to their rescue. Office-bearers Lingaraj Malladi, H.V. Diwakar, K. Nanjappa and others took part in the dharna.

AITUC to hold protest on Aug.10

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (RKB&SD)- Strongly condemning the anti-labour policies of the Government, All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), Mysuru Unit General Secretary H.R. Seshadri, said that various Trade Unions will be holding a protest in front of Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office on Aug. 10, seeking fulfilment of their demands.

"Several labour laws are being amended by the present Government. These are going to adversely affect the lives of over 75 percent of labourers working in various industries and business establishments. This would only lead to exploitation of workers by the employers, as according to new labour laws, employers need not seek consent from the Government in case of lay-offs and while closing down any production units having less than 300 workers," he said.

Monsoon Flood Threat

Take steps to protect people and livestock: District In-charge Secretary

One killed, 66 houses destroyed this year due to floods in Mysuru District, says DC Abhiram G. Sankar

Mysuru, Aug.8 (RK&DM)- With the threat of floods looming large in the wake of incessant rainfall across the district and catchment areas of rivers, **District In-charge Secretary N. Jayaram** directed officials to take immediate measures for protecting people and livestock from floods.

He was speaking at a meeting held on COVID-19 and Natural Disaster Management at ZP Hall here yesterday, during which he also held a video-conference with Task Force officials of all taluks.

Stating that heavy rains are predicted in the district in the next couple of weeks, Jayaram said that heavy rains may result in overflow of rivers. As such, the officials must take immediate measures for shifting people and livestock for safer locations.

Noting that District-level officials have been appointed as Nodal Officers at taluks, he said that these officers must personally tour the entire taluk for taking stock of the situation.

Stressing on the need for establishing Relief Camps and Goshalas wherever necessary, he said that it would be better if the land for Goshala is identified close to the village.

Pointing out that it is important to concentrate more on areas where water logging was more in the previous years, he said that the co-operation of the local MLA and MP must be sought for better management of the situation.

Stating that officials must give exact information on crop, property losses and other damages caused by rains, he said that officials must ensure that COVID-19 and flood management tasks must not impede regular works that are being carried out in Taluk Offices. Jayaram also said that no official should take leave other than for genuine reasons.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that the Government has issued directions for granting relief to natural disaster victims just like last year.

Pointing out that a man has been killed and 66 houses have been destroyed due to rains so far in the district this year, he said that flood alert has been issued in Gurudatta Hegde, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, ADC B.S. Manjunathaswamy, Additional SP Shivakumar, Tahsildar Rakshitha and other officials were present.

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Hype & Truth

Sushant Singh Rajput died on June 14 and the entire nation was in shock. Then a month later, the mourning turned into outrage as many claimed it was murder. Since then chaos has ensued with several parallel narratives in play, both in the mainstream media and social media.

As days go by, instead of it being about justice for Sushant and closure for his family, it is becoming a race for ratings among TV channels, scoring political points for political parties and ego clash between inter-State Police Departments.

It is indeed the media's job to hold 'authority to account' and 'speak truth to power', but while doing it one has to be professional, not give space for "hearsay" and politicians who mislead the movement with unsubstantiated claims to "settle political scores."

The very fact that the former CM of Maharashtra calls a press conference and says Sushant's former Manager Disha Salian had injuries that indicate rape and that the present Maharashtra Chief Minister's son, Aaditya Thackeray, was present there, is a serious charge. But he didn't have Adithya's location tracked to prove it. He had no statement from the CM's son's security personnel either. He had nothing. He just said it !

When you give space for such claims, then we lose our focus on justice and move into the realm of vengeance. Let the politicians not hijack Sushant's death for their political machinations. That would be injustice.

Worse is TV anchors turning into psychologists on TV! Sushant may not have been depressed, but a TV anchor does not have the right to diagnose that on live TV. One TV anchor played a happy clip of Sushant and declared,"-Does not look depressed." Wah!

So by that logic if you watch a clip of Deepika Padukone, an actor who has been fighting depression and is vocal about it, on her social media where she is always cheerful, can we declare she's not suffering from depression and that she has been lying all along?

Mental health issues are complicated and TV anchors should not trivialise them to nullify the "depressed" angle in order to give credence to their "Sushant was murdered" angle.

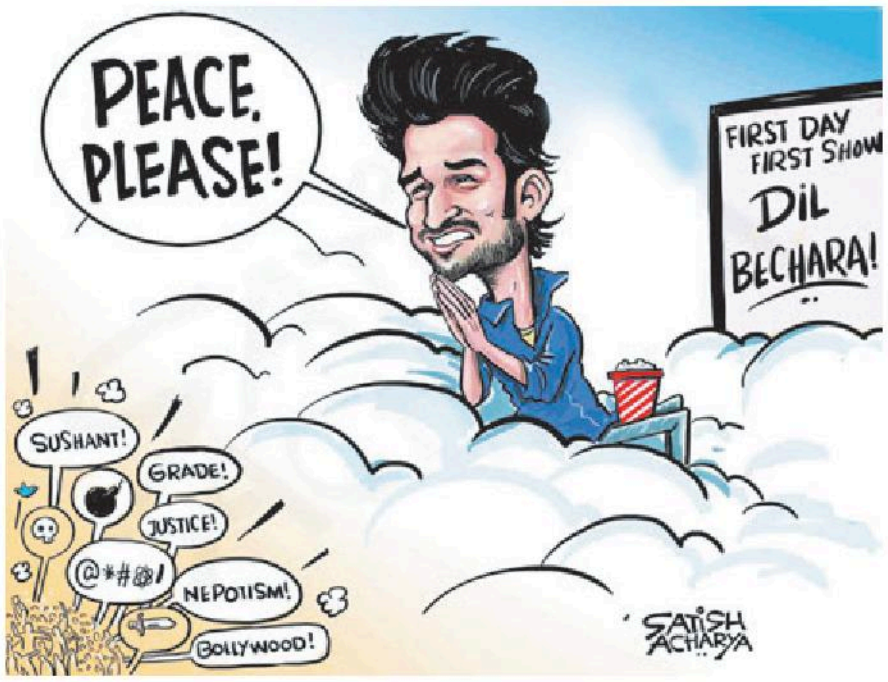
What is also most disturbing is the way Police Departments of two States treated each other. It showed a complete lack of trust and even disdain! But one has to ask: Can two Police forces investigate the same case? The answer is NO.

A case can be formally transferred to another agency like the CBI, but two agencies cannot probe the same FIR simultaneously. So the Bihar Police was duty-bound to register a "zero FIR" and transfer the case to the Police Station under whose jurisdiction the crime has taken place, which in Sushant's case was Mumbai. Instead, Bihar Police simply landed up in Mumbai to investigate! And the Mumbai Police did what any Government body would do when their jurisdiction is trampled upon — put up sneaky hurdles like quarantine!

But why this obsessive hurry to investigate from the Bihar Government? Is it to create publicity and confusion so that the case is forced to be handed over to the CBI?

Indeed the reluctance of the Maharashtra Government to hand over the case to CBI gives credence to the "cover-up" theory. But one must also think, may be the Maharashtra Government is not so much worried about "how Sushant died" as much as "what if" — what if CBI names the CM's son, Aaditya Thackeray in the investigation, which then raises the call for CM's resignation, which then could lead to a by-election? Well, this is also a theory floating around.

Sushant's case reminds many of us **in Karnataka about the death of IAS Officer D.K. Ravi. The officer's death was blown so out of proportion that even when it turned out that it was indeed 'suicide,' people refused to believe it. Because the mainstream media and social media implied murder and murder is what people wanted it to be.**



Back then a National English news channel even created a twitter handle: *#WhoKilledIAS!* So it assumed Ravi was 'killed' and implied there was or were killers involved whom we had to catch! And only CBI could do it, not the Karnataka Police.

Then the "hero-fication" of D.K. Ravi began. The media put out over-exaggerated heroic stories of Ravi. Grammy winner and resident of Bengaluru, Ricky Kej even composed a song in his honour. They said Ravi was transferred 24 times in his brief career when in fact it was just 4 times. Soon people were on the streets, convinced that it was murder of an honest officer.

Then the "murder" angle got boring as the media sniffed a "love" angle. Information started coming out that Ravi was stuck in a one-way love affair. It didn't even matter that the court had a 'gag' order yet his conversations were leaked anyway.

But the news organisations say they are giving what the people want. The truth. But this is just partial-truth. What people want is a little journalism with a good dose of sensationalism. They want even TV news to be as exciting and dramatic as Netflix shows.

The TV anchors, in a race to create drama and hence viewership, are creating an 'argumentative culture' where dialogue and refrain are seen as being cowardly and unconcerned, while shouting, belittling and aggressive-arguing are seen as signs of sincerity, concern and integrity.

In the case of D.K. Ravi, who would have been otherwise remembered fondly as a people's officer, ended up being remembered as a love-struck babu who wanted to be a real estate developer. All thanks to the hype!

Let's hope in Sushant's case we will remember him as a rare gem in Bollywood, an intellectual man dedicated to his art and in love with Science, instead of a manipulated small town boy from Bihar. And if it turns out to be murder, then let's hope CBI will do its job — deliver justice to Sushant instead of political fodder for its master.

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Heavy rains, devastating floods submerge many parts of Kodagu; situation grim

235 mm rainfall on a single day yesterday creates history

Kodagu District Minister V. Somanna, MP Pratap Simha and Madikeri MLA M.P. Appachu Ranjan inspecting the flooded areas of Kushalnagar this morning. Picture right shows River Cauvery flowing above danger mark under Kushalnagar twin bridges.

Madikeri, Aug. 8 (PS,Akshay& BCT)- The flood situation in Kodagu District continues to be grim with the water level showing no signs of abating. Though heavy rains have given a break, water level has not receded and in the district, 54 villages and towns are flooded, said the District Administration.

Fourteen places have been identified as major ones for repeated landslides and four places including Karadigodu, Indiranagar and Chamundeshwarinagar have been identified as places that need immediate evacuation. Successive rains and landslides have again hampered relief and rescue operations in Talacauvery where five persons are feared to be dead in a devastating landslide on Wednesday midnight.

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team stationed at Talacauvery is waiting for the weather to improve to carry out relief and rescue operations in Talacauvery. The operations have been put on hold as of now due to inclement weather.

According to reports, Kodagu received 235 mm, the highest rainfall in India on a single day on Aug. 7 (Friday). According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), the district received 235 mm along with Mahabaleshwar and Matheran in Maharashtra.

The IMD has forecast that rains will give a break on Aug. 8 and 9 but will again pick up vigour from Aug. 10 and will continue to lash the district till Aug. 12.

Bhagamandala in Kodagu has received rainfall of 486 mm in the period between Wednesday and Friday, according to IMD data. It has surpassed the previous daily record of rainfall in the district at 300.2 mm rainfall at Madikeri on Aug. 17, 2018.

The Central Water Commission said River Cauvery was at its highest flood level in Napoklu.

24-hour rainfall data

Since the last 24 hours till this morning, the District received 105.6 mm rainfall. While Madikeri Taluk received 158 mm rainfall, Virajpet Taluk received 107.7 mm, Somwarpet Taluk received 49.5 mm rainfall. Kasaba-wise, Madikeri received 82 mm, Sampaje 174 mm, Bhagamandala 205.6 mm, Napoklu 170.4 mm, Virajpet 113 mm, Hudikeri Kasaba 113 mm, Ammathi Kasaba 59, Ponnampet 105.2 mm, Srimangala 136 mm, Balele 120 mm, Somwarpet 27.80, Shanthahalli 129 mm, Kodlipet 75.80, Shanivarasanthe 25 mm, Kushalnagar 11.40 mm and Suntikoppa Kasaba received 31 mm rainfall.

Kodagu District Minister V. Somanna, who reached Talacauvery via boat from Bhagamandala along with rescue team to assess the situation, said, "Since the Triveni Sangama (the confluence of Cauvery, Kannika and Sujyothi) has flooded, it has hampered connectivity between Bhagamandala and Talacauvery. So the NDRF teams have not been able to carry machines to carry out operations to trace five people who have gone missing. If the rains subside, NDRF team will take up operations to trace those people missing," he said.

MP seeks special package

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who also accompanied Minister Somanna to Talacauvery, urged the State Government to allot special package in the budget for Kodagu.

Twenty other families at Bhagamandala are being moved to relief centre. People at landslide-and-flood-prone Ayyappa Hills, Nehru Nagar and other unsafe places are being moved to relief centres. There were landslides at Galibeedu Road, Mangaluru Road, Madikeri-Siddapura Road and other places.

Flood inspection in Kushalnagar

This morning, Somanna, Pratap Simha and Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan visited flooded areas in Kushalnagar and inspected the areas including Sai Layout and Kuvempu Layout. Residents demanded the Minister to conduct a survey of flood-prone areas and take up preventive measures as the town has faced flash floods since the last three years. In Kushalnagar, over 250 houses are fully marooned and 500 houses are partially flooded. Residents have been moved to safer places.

KRS just short of 7 ft. from reaching maximum level

Mandya, Aug.8 (Nagaiah)- With heavy rains battering Kodagu district, the birth place of River Cauvery and other catchment areas, the KRS Dam in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, the lifeline of the people of Mysuru region, is receiving huge inflows for the past few days, thus considerably pushing up the water level in the Reservoir with each passing day.

The water level of KRS today stood at 117.40 ft which is just 7.40 ft short of the maximum level of 124.80ft. The inflow to Dam this morning was recorded at 67,817 cusecs and outflow 44,816 cusecs. The Reservoir is consistently recording an inflow in the range of 30,000 to 50,000 cusecs for the past couple of days.

Obituary

Mushtaq Sayeed Saheb

Mysuru, Aug. 8- Mushtaq Sayeed Saheb (75),

renowned Urdu poet, writer and columnist, passed away here this morning after a brief illness.

A member of Anjuman-E-Hadiqatul Adab, he leaves behind his wife, three sons and two daughters.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at 5 pm at Masjid-e-Albadar at Rajiv Nagar followed by burial at old Khabristan Gate 5.

Abdul Rehman Babu

Abdul Rehman Babu (48),

brother of Shakeel Ahmed, DCC Secretary, Mysuru Congress, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Hayat Saab Masjid after Asar followed by burial at Muslim burial grounds in Mandi Mohalla yesterday.

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Kannada Classical Studies Centre to come up at Chamundi Foothill

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Aug.8- Ending the confusion over allotment of land for the establishment of Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) by CIIL (Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru), the State Government on Friday decided to allot 10 acres of land belonging to University of Mysore (UoM) at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

This decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi in Bengaluru yesterday.

Following the meeting, Ravi said the Government has directed the UoM Registrar Prof. K. Shivappa to hand over 10 acres of land belonging to UoM at the foot of Chamundi Hill to CIIL for establishing the Classical Kannada Studies Centre at the earliest.

Pointing out that the University has 23 acres of land at the foot of Chamundi Hill, he said that the officials have been directed to start construction works within a month. Regretting that the Centre is yet to come up even after years of the Union Government's sanction, he said that earlier it was decided to allot 3 acres of land belonging to the UoM in the Old Tahsildar Office premises opposite Premier Studio on Hunsur Road. But later the Higher Education Department wrote to the University of Mysore cancelling the allotment. Subsequently, the Higher Education Department was appealed to sanction land belonging to the UoM on the outskirts of the city, following which the Higher Education Minister agreed to allot 10 acres of land at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Now that the land has been sanctioned, the University should hand over the land to CIIL for the establishment of the Centre and the preparations on the construction should be done in a month, he said and added that a delegation would be taken to the Union HRD Minister and other Central Ministers representing the State — D.V. Sadanandagowda and Pralhad Joshi, to seek sanction of funds and other necessary infrastructure.

Kannada Development Authority Chairman T.S. Nagabharana, Scholars Prof. T.V. Venkatachalashastry and Prof. Talwar, CESCK Planning Director Dr. Durgadas, Prof. N.S. Taranath, CIIL Director Dr. D.G. Rao and other officials were present.

Meanwhile, reacting to the Government's direction for allotment of 10 acres of land, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the Higher Education Minister has directed the University on Friday to allot 10 out of the 23 acres of land that it has at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Pointing out that the University had planned to utilise this land for future plans, he said that the Government's direction on allotment of 10 acres for CESCK will be placed at the University Syndicate meeting shortly, where a decision on parting with the asked land will be taken.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	242
Total positive cases	:	6,718
Discharges yesterday	:	168
Total discharges	:	2,662
Deaths yesterday	:	15
Total deaths	:	213
Total active cases till Aug.6	:	3,784

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	102
Total positive cases	:	2,394
Total discharges	:	1,265
Total deaths	:	20
Total active cases	:	1,109

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	53
Total positive cases	:	1,043
Total discharges	:	663
Total deaths	:	17
Total active cases	:	393

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	27
Total positive cases	:	628
Total discharges	:	376
Total deaths	:	10
Total active cases	:	242

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	138
Total positive cases	:	3,175
Total discharges	:	1,171
Total deaths	:	85
Total active cases	:	1,919

Overflowing Lakshmantheertha River wreaks havoc in Hunsur

Hunsur, Aug. 8 (KK&SD)- Lakshmantheertha river is overflowing causing widespread destruction of crops following heavy downpour in Kodagu district and Hunsur taluk from the past one week. As a precautionary measure, Taluk Administration is relocating the residents living in the adjoining areas of the region.

The outflow from the Dam built for Lakshmantheertha river near Hanagodu has increased to 5,600 cusecs Thursday. Due to increased inflow over the past one week, 12,000 cusecs of water is gushing through the river. Three families in each of Hanagodu, Sindenahalli and Kamagowdanahalli as well as six families in Billenahosahalli have been relocated to safer places.

Due to overflowing Lakshmantheertha river, main roads connecting Hunsur and Hanagodu, Hanagodu to Koluvige and Kamagowdanahalli Road have been submerged under water as a result of which vehicular movement has been banned.

Hundreds of acres of cultivated land around villages including Sindenahalli, Abburu, Doddahejjuru, Billenahosahalli, Mudaganuru, Koluvige and Kiranguru of Hanagodu hobli have been submerged under the water causing heavy damage to ginger, tobacco, corn and other crops in the region.

Water level in Lakshmantheertha river is increasing everyday due to heavy rains. People living in low-lying areas have already been advised to move to safe areas. Two teams, comprising Health Inspectors Satish and Mohan, have been formed to manage the situation. We have instructed the residents of city's Davani street, Brahmins street, Sabbirnagar, Rehmat Mohalla, Old K.R. Nagar Road and other areas on the banks of the river to relocate to safe areas. Shelters have been set up in city's Government Schools and Ambedkar Bhavan.

—Manjunath, Hunsur CMC Commissioner

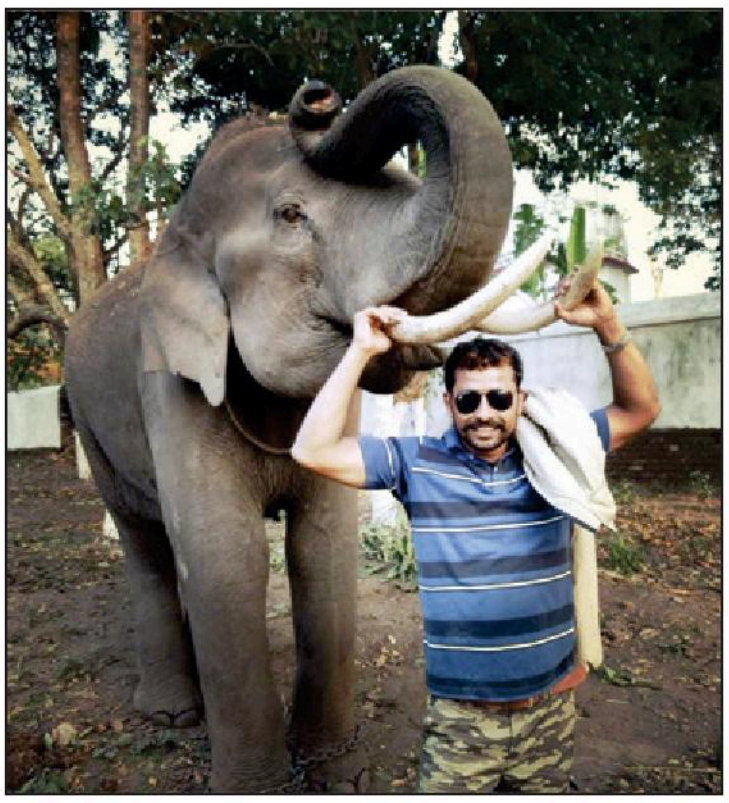
After taking stock of flood situation, Tahsildar Basavaraj, EO Girish and their team are now overseeing the relief and rescue operations. The team is also closely monitoring the situation and rescue operation of people living in low-lying areas.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Tahsildar Basavaraj said, "We have taken all necessary precautionary measures to overcome the current situation. We are in touch with the District Administration in Kodagu. People need not worry as Taluk Administration is prepared and ready to provide all necessary assistance to them."

He also addressed people affected by the flood situation. People representatives, officials, leaders of various organisations and villagers were present.

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath visited houses that were damaged due to heavy rains at Hunsur yesterday.

Zoo elephant tramples, gores mahout to death



Mysuru, Aug. 8 (MTY&BCT)- A 38-year-old caretaker of an elephant was trampled and gored to death at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens popular as Mysuru Zoo last evening. The mahout has been taking care of the elephant since the last 15 years and was known to the animal since its younger days.

The mahout has been identified as **Harish,** son of late Siddegowda and a resident of Lalithadripura. He is survived by his mother Saraswathamma, wife and two children. Harish had gone on leave for five days and had reported back to work yesterday. He was a contract employee of the Zoo and used to take care of 16-year-old ***Abhi,*** alias Abhimanyu, the Zoo elephant.

Harish went near the elephant last evening at 4.40 and the elephant suddenly attacked him. Harish was lifted with its trunk and was flung onto the ground. Not stopping at this, the elephant gored the mahout with its tusks. He sustained pierced-wounds from the tusk on his chest and ribs.

Shocked by the sudden attack, the other mahouts who were working near the spot, rushed to Harish's help. After a lot of persuasion, the elephant released Harish from its grip. He was rushed to a private hospital where he breathed his last at around 9 pm.

Harish's father Siddegowda was working as a mahout at the Zoo and after his death 18 years back, the job was given to Harish on compassionate grounds. Elephant Abhimanyu was born to Ganesh and Padmavathi pair and Harish had taken over Abhi's responsibility since its childhood.

According to other mahouts and Zoo officials, Abhimanyu and Harish had developed a close bond and the latter used to take care of every need of the pachyderm. Harish had earned the appreciation of the authorities by being an ideal mahout to Abhimanyu and he had maintained a cordial relationship with other mahouts.

In a communiqué, Zoo officials have stated that Harish had joined contract service at the Zoo in 2002 and has been working in the elephant section till his last day. It was a heart-rending scene to see his mother wailing at the loss of her son in front of the hospital where Harish was rushed to after the elephant attack. Harish has two children aged one and five and the family has lost its sole bread-winner.

Usually, a tamed elephant develops a close bond with its mahout and listens to every command. Harish and Abhimanyu too had developed a relationship since the last 15 years and was a known pair inside the Zoo for their camaraderie. For the other mahouts it took some time to digest the fact that Abhimanyu had indeed killed Harish.

Online training on Disaster Management to PDOs at ATI

Mysuru, Aug.8 (SPN&DM)- With incessant rains causing floods and landslides across the State, the Natural Disaster Management Centre in ATI (Administrative Training Institute) here has started online training sessions for Gram Panchayat PDOs and other staff of the State.

During the training, the PDOs were advised to form Committees involving local people's representatives, Policemen, School teachers, Health Officials and Anganawadi workers for better handling of floods and such other natural calamities at the village-level. The PDOs were also trained on preventing the spread of vector-borne diseases and the immediate relief measures to be taken in case of floods, landslides, destruction of houses, crop loss and such other losses.

On Aug.6, Group A and B officials from Ramanagara District were given a presentation on the role of the media in Disaster Management, Natural Disaster Management Act-2005, Vector-borne Diseases Control Act-1897 and other related Acts, according to sources.

The Centre Faculty G.R. Paramesh said that GP officials and staff are being trained online at the centre for the past few days. Personnel from one District are trained in a day depending upon the number of personnel attending the training programme, he added.

Thathaiah Circle is now Zero Tolerance

K. R. Traffic Police educating motorists

Mysuru, Aug.8 (RK&DM)- With the city witnessing rampant traffic violations during COVID-19 times, the K.R.Traffic Police on Friday conducted a Zero Tolerance Drive at Thathaiah Circle, the junction of Chamaraja Double Road and Sayyaji Rao Road, during which they sensitised the motorists on the importance of following traffic discipline.

Asking the motorists, especially two-wheeler riders and four-wheeler drivers to follow traffic rules and regulations, via a public address system, the Police sought the co-operation of the public in making Thathaiah Circle a Zero Tolerance Junction for any kind of traffic violations.

Traffic Police led by Inspector Vinay were seen directing motorists to clear way for other vehicles to take a free left-turn at the Circle. During the day-long drive, Police educated motorists on the theme *Follow Traffic Rules — Save Precious Lives.*

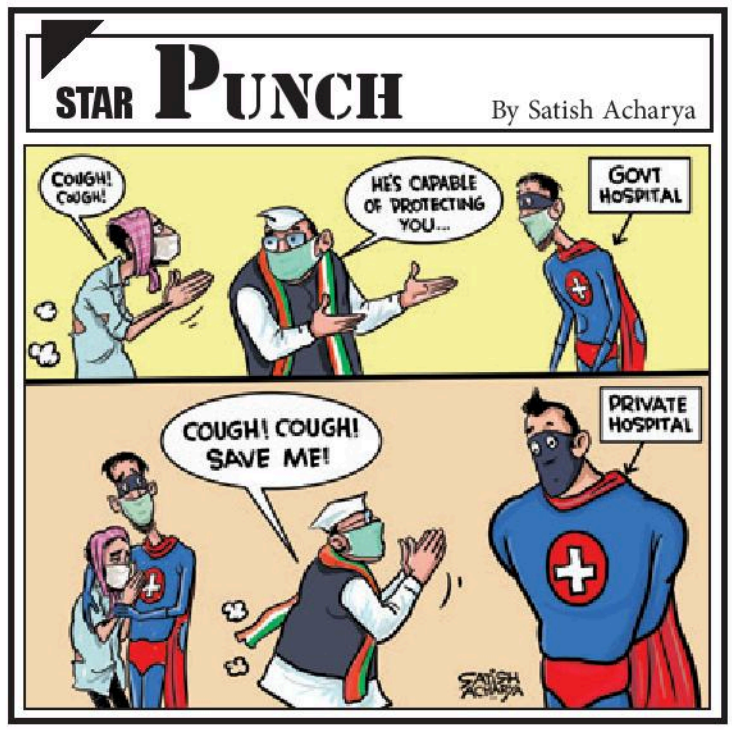
Engineer and Revenue Inspector test COVID-19 positive

N.S. Road MCC Zone-6 Office sealed

Mysuru, Aug.8 (RK&DM)- The MCC Zone-6 Office on Narayana Shastri Road (N.S. Road) has been sealed down till Sunday after an Engineer and a Revenue Inspector attached to the Zonal Office tested positive for COVID-19.

Soon after learning that the duo were found COVID-19 positive on Wednesday, the authorities sealed down the Zonal Office on Friday morning. The entire Office premises has been sanitised. Also, the Zonal Officer Nagaraj and all other staff have been asked to be under home isolation and also to undergo throat swab test. Only those personnel who test negative in the lab report are asked to resume duty on Monday.

The MCC Zone-6 Office is the latest to join the list of Government Offices getting sealed down after the MCC Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road, the City Court Complexes, the general section of the City Police Commissioner Office at the new building, ACP (Traffic) Office on Vinoba Road in Shivarampet and several Police Stations of the city.



WORD OF THE DAY

Malapropism

Pronunciation: MAL-uh-prah-piz-um.
Meaning: The usually unintentionally humorous misuse or distortion of a word or phrase; especially : the use of a word sounding somewhat like the one intended but ludicrously wrong in the context.
Origin: Mrs. Malaprop, a character in Richard Sheridan's 1775 play The Rivals, was known for her verbal blunders. "He is the very pine-apple of politeness," she exclaimed, complimenting a courteous young man. Thinking of the geography of contiguous countries, she spoke of the "geometry" of "contagious countries," and she hoped that her daughter might "reprehend" the true meaning of what she was saying. She regretted that her "affluence" over her niece was small. The word malapropism derives from this blundering character's name, which Sheridan took from the French term mal à propos, meaning "inappropriate."
Example: "A malapropism is using the wrong word, but one that sounds similar to the right word—like saying that medieval cathedrals are supported by flying buttocks. A good malapropism can throw you off, so that you scrape your head trying to figure out the error, and then having to think what the word should have been. (It's flying buttresses, by the way)." — Britt Hanson.

THE ODD WORD

Macrobian

Long-lived.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Make a bee-line for

Meaning: Go directly towards; people make a beeline.
Origin: The phrase derives from the behaviour of bees. When a forager bee finds a source of nectar it returns to the hive and communicates its location to the other bees, using a display called the Waggle Dance. The other bees are then able to fly directly to the source of the nectar, that is, 'make a beeline' for it. This dance is a surprisingly sophisticated means of communication for a creature with such a small brain. The forager bee performs a short wiggling run - hence the name, with the angle denoting the direction of the nectar-laden flowers and the length of time denoting the distance. The phrase is American and all the early citations of it come from the USA. The earliest that I can find is from The Davenport Daily Leader, January 1808: "Gustav Stengel Sr., of Rock Island, was thrown from his sleigh on Third Avenue in that city yesterday afternoon, the horse becoming frightened and turning abruptly, ripping the cutter. The horse made a bee line for home." Given the colloquial usage in that citation, the figurative phrase and certainly the original literal meaning of bee-line must have been in use for some time at that date.

QUOTE BOX

Handle a book as a bee does a flower, extract its sweetness but do not damage it. **— John Muir**

RIDDLE THIS

It belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do. What is it?

Answer : Your name.

SUDOKU

			8	2	7			
				3		1		
	5		1					
2				1		9		4
6	1		2		4		5	3
7		4		5				2
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			5	7	6			

Answer to previous puzzle

1	2	6	3	4	5	8	7	9
3	9	7	6	8	1	2	4	5
5	4	8	7	2	9	3	1	6
9	1	5	4	6	3	7	2	8
8	3	2	1	5	7	9	6	4
6	7	4	2	9	8	1	5	3
7	8	3	5	1	6	4	9	2
4	6	1	9	3	2	5	8	7
2	5	9	8	7	4	6	3	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ___ Mineo : New York born actor?
4 Value Added Tax, abbr.
7 Formula 1 driver ____ Hamilton
9 Perfume ingredient - "i.e. nor" changed?
12 Japanese robe
13 ___ cup: Golf trophy
14 Producer of steam?
15 Small mechanical device
17 Central nervous system, acronym
18 Hollywood star Matt ____
20 A very successful pilot
21 Continental exchange
22 Indian wheaten flour
23 Reimburses
27 Sharp-tasting
28 For the __ being : temporarily?
29 Japanese sash
30 Batman, really
32 Grow old
35 Type of sleeve
37 Garden dwarfs from Zurich?
39 Feudal lord
40 Fit to eat
41 A negatively charged electrolytic particle
42 Makes over or disposes in exchange for money
43 Social insect
44 It is used to colour a fabric

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	P	H		F	I	R	E		D	U	D
B	A	A		A	L	A	R	M	A	N	U
A	S	L		M	A	J	N	U	M	I	L
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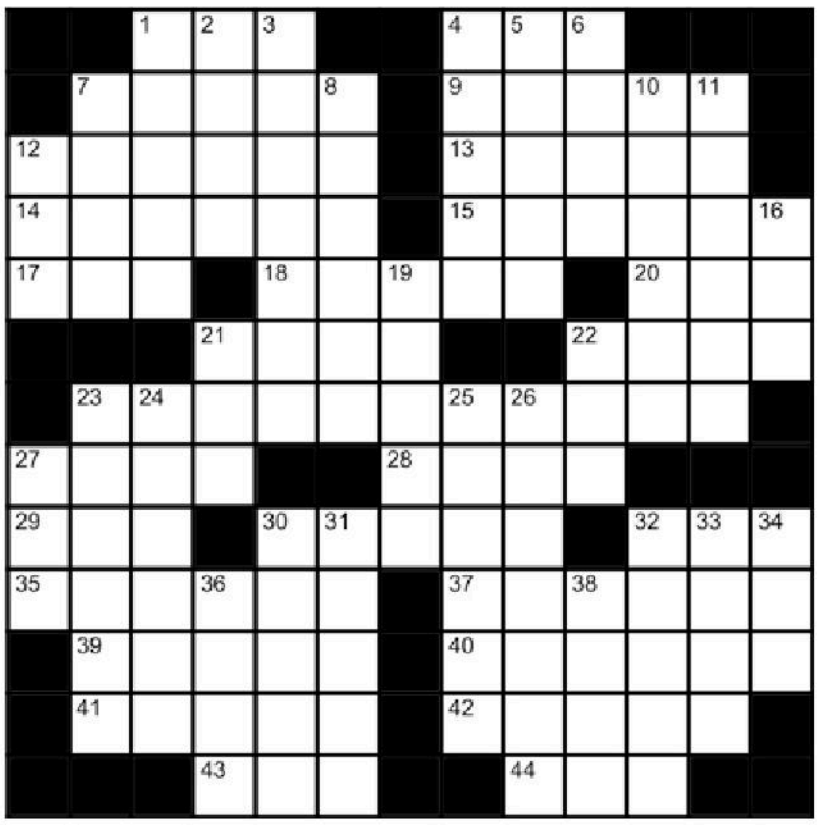
DOWN

1 In short the two matches prior to finals?
2 Gone sans permission
3 Formed a queue? (5,2)
4 Zodiac sign
5 Indo-European, should we say?
6 ____ Martin : US Tennis star of not so recent past?
7 Largest cat
8 Very uncommonly found? (2,4)
10 Nullify
11 Builds, constructs
12 Popular TV show hosted by Big B
16 One's cup of ___ : something appropriate or attractive to one?
19 ___ Python: Famous British comedy group
21 Amb. attendant
22 Had a meal
23 Occult theosophy
24 Genesis or lineage
25 Scorches
26 Corrected
27 Rocky pinnacle
30 Coal, etc.,is transported in this on the railway
31 Concerning or about
32 Walk in leisurely or casual manner
33 Hardens or sets
34 Suffix denoting place or ownership ?
36 Star Wars' Princes ___
38 Containing an unusual amount of grease or fat



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ND HMX ENBBFX UY BNYYNPGFHC

FNXJ UAAUIHGDNHC.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It's not that some people have willpower and some don't. It's that some people are ready to change and others are not.

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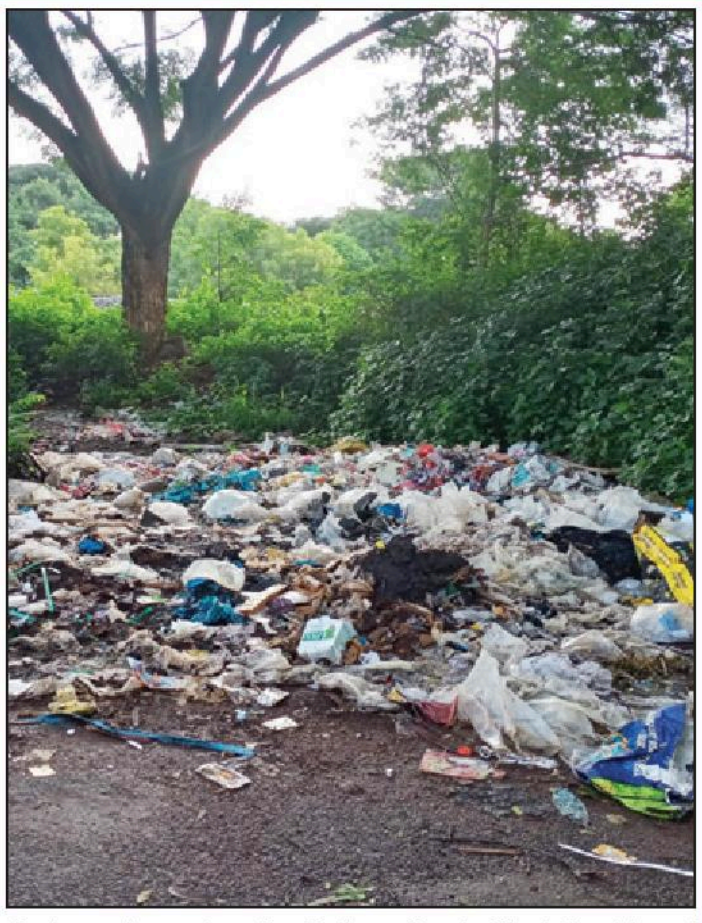
Slush-filled Road near Agrahara Circle crying for attention

The recent rains have brought dirt and slush on the side of the road opposite to Basava Mandir near Agrahara Circle. As water is remaining stagnant, it is emanating foul smell and mosquitoes have also increased in the vicinity. Authorities concerned are urged to get the slush cleared for the safety of all in COVID times.

Plea to clear garbage on Railway Goods Shed Road



Garbage dumped on the Railway Goods Shed Road is not cleared since many days. This is an eyesore on the road as the entire stretch of the road side is dumped with garbage, says the public, who have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the garbage cleared on a regular basis.

SBM Colony in Bogadi lacks civic amenities

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, Aug. 8- Even 23 years after its formation, the SBM Colony on Bogadi Main Road in the city is found lacking in civic amenities, thus bringing worries for the residents who are wondering when their plight will end.

The SBM Housing Co-operative Society had formed the Bogadi Road SBM Colony in 135-acre area, allotting about 1,500 sites to its members over two decades ago. The Colony was divided into four equal sections apparently with an objective for providing better facilities. But the plan seems to have gone waste as the Colony is found wanting for basic infrastructure.

Soon after the sites were allotted by the Society, the allottees started construction of houses and more than 300 houses have come up in the locality.

Having occupied the houses, the residents are complaining about lack of civic facilities such as drinking water, Underground drainage, asphalted roads, proper sanitation system and the like. The residents complain that there is no park in the locality and MUDA which collects taxes from them too is turning them away under the pretext that the Colony has not yet been handed over to it.

Accusing the Society of improper planning and unscientific layout development, the residents allege poor quality of construction of the drainage, which was built at a cost of just Rs. 94 lakh as against the estimate of Rs. 4 crore. Alleging that manholes of the drainage system have come apart due to poor quality of construction, the residents say that they are forced to live amidst the stench arising out of the drainage that overflows whenever it rains heavily.

Noting that the Colony has a threshold capacity of 6,000 people, the residents maintain that there is not even a single Overhead Water Tank in the entire Colony, which itself explains the apathy of the Layout developers. Claiming that the Colony is getting water only once in three days, they say that they have to rush to neighbouring localities whenever they need more water for meeting emergencies.

Complaining that none of the roads in the Colony is free of potholes, the residents say that many roads remain to be asphalted even after two decades. Pointing out that the poor condition of the roads is severely hampering vehicular movement, they allege that it is a common sight to see drainage water flowing on roads.

Asserting that the Colony in the beginning had 6 parks including a playground, the residents said that now this number has come down to three and none of them are developed. They themselves have developed the parks to a certain extent by planting saplings and installing benches, they said and added that the playground has now been converted as sites.

Stating that parthenium weeds are thriving in the locality in the absence of any maintenance, they sarcastically said that the locality can be called as a Parthenium Park! Also piles of uncleared garbage is dotting the locality, thus giving them a feeling that they are living in slums, even though they have constructed homes spending lakhs of rupees.

Meanwhile, the residents are also facing a different problem, this time from members and past members of Bogadi Gram Panchayat. These members are developing sites inside the parks saying that the space of land belong to them. Some of them have even begun preparations to construct homes.

The GP members are alleged to have assaulted some of the residents when they questioned them over the construction, according to a Colony resident who did not want to be identified.

The aggrieved residents said that the locality had 1,301 sites in a 135-acre area when the colony was first proposed in 1995. But subsequently, due to alterations in the original plan, the number of sites went up to 1,500 in 2003. Subsequent to the development of the layout, CA sites, Parks, playground and other lung spaces too have been converted as sites, much to the dismay of the residents.

Also, the wider roads have been encroached upon, thus considerably reducing vehicular movement space. They also allege that MUDA which collect tax from them has remained a silent spectator to all this, saying that the Society has not yet handed over the Colony to it.

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